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SUBJ: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY: CONVERSATION WITH [ ] DEPUTY

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1. [ ] DELEGATE [ ] MORNING SEPTEMBER 26 DISCUSSED ASSEMBLY BRIEFLY WITH EMBOFF. [ ] HOPES ASSEMBLY WILL DRAFT CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WITH INDEPENDENT LEGISLATURE TO LIMIT PRESIDENTIAL POWERS AND SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW BOTH. HE STRESSES NEED FOR UNITY IN

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PRESENT WAR SITUATION. ALTHOUGH NOT CLEAR ON ROLE OF MILITARY, [ ] FEELS IT SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION. HE SAID MILITARY DEPUTIES WILL NOT FORM OWN BLOC TO "MAKE POLITICS" IN ASSEMBLY BUT PROBABLY WILL UNITE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR INTEREST.

2. COMMENT: [ ] HAS PREVIOUSLY SAID THAT HE WILL JOIN WITH HOA HAO AND OTHER SOUTHERN DEPUTIES IN K RMING A SOUTHERN BLOC IN ASSEMBLY. HOA HAO DEPUTIES' BLOC AND [ ] MENTIONS [ ] AS COLLABORATORS WITH HOA HAO IN ASSEMBLY. WE NOTE [ ] ADDRESSED AS SPOKESMAN MEETING OF ALL THIRTY DEPUTIES FROM FIFTEEN SOUTHERN

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PROVINCES CONVENED BY IV CORPS COMMANDER GENERAL QUANG IN CAN THO SEPTEMBER 14. [redacted] HAD NOT HAD TIME MORNING SEPTEMBER 26 TO CONTACT OTHER DELEGATES NOW GATHERING IN SAIGON IT IS PROBABLE THAT HE, WITH [redacted] WILL PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE IN FORMATION SOUTHERNERS' BLOC WHICH WE SUSPECT GENERAL QUANG IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FURTHERING. (RUMORS ALREADY CIRCULATING SAIGON THAT b-1 e d

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QUANG FINANCING LARGE PART OF EXPENSES SOUTHERN DELEGATES).

3. [redacted] IN SAIGON AFTER [redacted] COURT ACQUITTED HIM OF CHARGES IMPROPER USE OF MILITARY VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL DURING CAMPAIGN. WE HAVE LEARNED ANOTHER DEPUTY SO ACCUSED AND ACQUITTED, [redacted] MAY YET FACE QUESTIONS BEFORE COMMITTEE DEPUTIES. IT IS POSSIBLE [redacted] MAY ALSO BE QUESTIONED. b-1 e d
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